



PENNSYLVANIA UROLOGIC
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Data Abstraction Guidance

The PURC data registry provides urologists with comparative risk-adjusted data to drive improvement in prostate cancer treatment. Reports generated through the registry allow practices to trend and benchmark individual practice sites and providers to identify and address variations in care and outcomes.

Each PURC practice designates a data abstractor to manually enter real-time, longitudinal data on their prostate cancer patients. There are over **140** PURC variables.

The below guidance may help your practice determine data abstraction needs.

Data Abstractors:

- Data abstraction should be completed by individuals familiar with registries.
- Tutorials, training, and ongoing support provided to data abstractors.
- 1 FTE = maximum of 50 procedures and 125 task bar follow ups per month. This is inclusive of sourcing cases, determination of eligibility, new data entry, updating/task bar completion, and data/report requests that can be accomplished at the abstractor level.
- Practices typically engage 1 to 2 abstractors either on a part-time or full-time basis.
- 80% of data abstractors are employed by their practice.

Average Time to Add New Patients/Update Records to Calculate your FTE Needs



Time to Add New Patient
15-20 minutes



Time to Update A Record
5-10 minutes

Examples of Data Abstractor Role Classifications:



Contractors/
Outsourced Abstractors



Residents/
Research Scholars



In-House Data Abstractors

- Medical Assistants
- Cancer (Oncology) Registrars
- Research Assistants
- Clinical Research Coordinators
- Data Managers

